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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed March 28, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 12, 59, 60, 62-67, 88 and 90.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/27/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☒ Other The drawings submitted 10/25/2000
have been approved.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10, 12, 59, 60, 62-67, 88 and 90 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art, Bowman-Amuah (US 6,601,234), teaches distributing information bundles from different ones of a first plurality of different networked users to different ones of a second plurality of different network users according to a machine-readable format that includes values for a plurality of content attribute descriptors, wherein each data stream includes an attribute descriptor defining elements of the data, and using metadata as the attribute descriptors to support financial interactions.

The prior art lacks the teaching monitoring the distribution from the first plurality of different networked users to the second plurality of different networked users by a statistics engine, monitoring at least one response from the second plurality of different networked users by the statistics engine, managing commercial interactions between at least one of the first plurality of different networked users and at least one of the second plurality of different networked users using the information bundles, and based on the at least one keyword and the at least one value of the business language definition descriptors, deriving first and second traffic statistics based on the distribution between the first and second plurality of users by the statistics engine.

The limitations lacking in the prior art, in combination with the other limitations clearly claimed for patent, are novel and unobvious.

The foreign prior art, Rogers (GB 2,143,063), teaches an apparatus for entering predetermined information types into a system to enable predetermined calculations to be performed on the information, wherein a first code controls access to input of data and a second code controls access to certain factors related to the data.

The foreign prior art lacks the teaching monitoring the distribution from the first plurality of different networked users to the second plurality of different networked users by a statistics engine, monitoring at least one response from the second plurality of different networked users by the statistics engine, managing commercial interactions between at least one of the first plurality of different networked users and at least one of the second plurality of different networked users using the information bundles, and based on the at least one keyword and the at least one value of the business language definition descriptors, deriving first and second traffic statistics based on the distribution between the first and second plurality of users by the statistics engine.

The limitations lacking in the prior art, in combination with the other limitations clearly claimed for patent, are novel and unobvious.

The non-patent literature, Black et al. (*Tax Adviser* article), teaches providing access for network users to various tax-related documents and data, wherein various metadata descriptors are used to provide information about the network and data.

The non-patent literature lacks the teaching monitoring the distribution from the first plurality of different networked users to the second plurality of different networked

users by a statistics engine, monitoring at least one response from the second plurality of different networked users by the statistics engine, managing commercial interactions between at least one of the first plurality of different networked users and at least one of the second plurality of different networked users using the information bundles, and based on the at least one keyword and the at least one value of the business language definition descriptors, deriving first and second traffic statistics based on the distribution between the first and second plurality of users by the statistics engine.

The limitations lacking in the prior art, in combination with the other limitations clearly claimed for patent, are novel and unobvious.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Buchanan whose telephone number is 571-272-8134. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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